

## REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 13-16, 18-22, and 34 are pending in this application, with Claims 13 and 34 being the independent claims. Claims 17 and 23-28 have been cancelled without prejudice in this amendment and Claims 1-12 and 29-33 were previously canceled. In addition, Claim 34 has been added. Also, Claim 16 has been amended to overcome a formal rejection, Claim 13 has been amended to overcome a substantive rejection, and Claims 13, 18, and 21 have been amended to improve their form. Applicant submits that support for these amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the documents listed in the November 21, 2001, March 1, 2002, March 19, 2002, and December 15, 2004 Information Disclosure Statements and initial and return the Forms PTO 1449 that accompanied each Information Disclosure Statement.

Claims 17-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, features of allowable Claim 17 have been incorporated into independent Claim 13 and Claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 16 and 23-28 stand rejected under 35.U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejection, Claim 16 has been amended to address the points raised by the Examiner and Claims 23-28 have been canceled without

prejudice. Applicants submit that as amended, Claim 16 now even more clearly satisfies 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 13-16 and 22-27 stand rejected under 35.U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,521,722 (Colvill et al.). In addition, Claims 21 and 28 stand rejected under 35.U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Colvill et al.

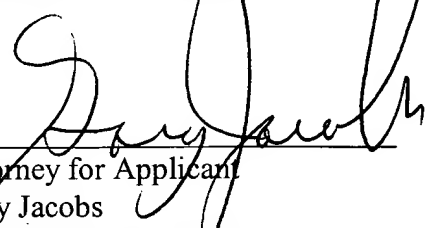
In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejections, independent Claim 13 has been amended to include features of allowable dependent Claim 17, thereby rendering this claim and its dependent claims allowable. In addition, Claims 23-28 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicants have also added method Claim 34, which corresponds to apparatus Claim 13. Therefore, Claim 34 is allowable for reasons similar to the reasons that Claim 13 is allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested.

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